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INCLUSION OF FOOD WASTAGE AS SUBJECT IN SCHOOL CURRICULUM
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to include food wastage as a subject in school curriculum to create awareness among the students;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the changes proposed by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) in school curriculum?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c) National Curriculum Framework-2005 developed by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) cover new syllabi and textbooks in all the subjects for all the stages of school education. Food is one among six common themes of the syllabus of Environmental Studies of Class III-V. Food is also included from class VI-X in Science Subject. The contents related to "Wastage of Food" have already been included in the syllabus on Health & Physical Education Compulsory Subject up to Secondary Stage (from Class I-X) of school education and an Optional subject at the Senior Secondary Stage (Classes XI-XII) and focus has been made on avoiding wastage of food.

The National Curriculum Framework (NCF) sets the guidelines and direction for syllabi and textbooks at school stage. Based on NCF-2005, NCERT formulated new syllabi and textbooks on school subjects across different stages of schooling.